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McLean, VA, September 24, 1984 -- Net new orders for American made machine tools dropped 36% in August to a level of $201,050,000, according to data released today by the industry's trade group, the National Machine Tool Builders' Association. Shipments were reported down 15% from the previous month at $165,750,000. However, orders for the year to date, at $1,879,300,000, were ahead of last year's totals by 83%.

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"Our industry is gradually moving forward after two years of devastating losses," said Association president James A. Gray. "But with the total dollar value of imports now at 42% of domestic consumption, and with 52% of the metal-cutting machines coming from overseas, it is unlikely that the American machine tool industry will ever fully recover."

Gray emphasized that a high proportion of these imports are subsidized by foreign governments and he reiterated his call for action

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on the industry's "232" petition for import relief. The petition, filed with the Commerce Department in March of 1983 on grounds of national security, was sent to the President last February and still awaits his decision. "As I understand it, Gray said, "both the Secretaries of Commerce and Defense have urged the White House to act promptly and favorably on our petition."

"The basis of our petition, that without relief the American machine tool industry could no longer fulfill its vital role in preserving our nation's security, has now become an accomplished fact after 18 months of White House inaction," said Gray.

In the month of August, orders for metal-cutting machine tools declined 0.3% at $135,400,000, while shipments in the category were off 11% at $118,650,000.

In the metal-forming category, August orders dropped 63% to a level of $65,650,000. Metalforming machine tool shipments were off 22% at $47,100,000.

The industry's order backlog increased by $35 million in August to a total of $1,542.70 million.

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NET NEW ORDERS -- MACHINE TOOLS
(Thousands of Dollars)

	METAL CUTTING			METAL FORMING			TOTAL Cutting and Forming		
	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total
Aug. 1984	118,550	16,850	135,400	62,050	3,600	65,650	180,600	20,450	201,050
July 1984	126,050	9,800	135,850	173,550	4,000	177,550	299,600	13,800	313,400
% Change									
Aug. 1984:July 1984	-6.0	+71.9	-0.3	-64.2	-10.0	-63.0	-39.7	+48.2	-35.8
Aug. 1983	82,650	8,350	91,000	42,000	4,250	46,250	124,650	12,600	137,250
% Change									
Aug. 1984:Aug. 1983	+43.4	+101.8	+48.8	+47.7	-15.3	+41.9	+44.9	+62.3	+46.5
Year To Date 1984	1,021,450	151,750	1,183,200	655,300	40,800	696,100	1,686,750	192,550	1,879,300
Year To Date 1983	663,450	49,700	713,150	280,100	33,050	313,150	943,550	82,750	1,026,300
% Change									
1984 : 1983	+55.5	+205.3	+65.9	+134.0	+23.4	+122.3	+78.8	+132.7	+83.1

SHIPMENTS -- MACHINE TOOLS
(Thousands of Dollars)

	METAL CUTTING			METAL FORMING			TOTAL Cutting and Forming		
	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total
Aug. 1984	110,350	8,300	118,650	43,950	3,150	47,100	154,300	11,450	165,750
July 1984	127,500	5,750	133,250	54,500	6,000	60,500	182,000	11,750	193,750
% Change									
Aug. 1984:July 1984	-13.5	+44.3	-11.0	-19.4	-47.5	-22.1	-15.2	-2.6	-14.5
Aug. 1983	72,750	10,100	82,850	28,900	1,250	30,150	101,650	11,350	113,000
% Change									
Aug. 1984:Aug. 1983	+51.7	-17.8	+43.2	+52.1	+152.0	+56.2	+51.8	+0.9	+46.7
Year To Date 1984	884,400	67,400	951,800	382,450	47,050	429,500	1,266,850	114,450	1,381,300
Year To Date 1983	772,650	113,700	886,350	265,000	31,100	296,100	1,037,650	144,800	1,182,450
% Change									
1984 : 1983	+14.5	-40.7	+7.4	+44.3	+51.3	+45.1	+22.1	-21.0	+16.8

Source: National Machine Tool Builders' Association

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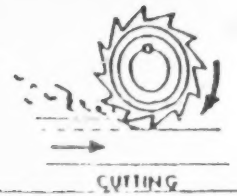
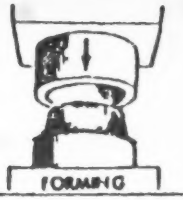


TOTAL INDUSTRY ESTIMATE
MACHINE TOOLS - CUTTING AND FORMING
New Orders, Cancellations, Shipments and Backlog



DATE	NET NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	Order Backlog (In Mil. $)	SHIPMENTS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1984							
Jan.	$ 175,550,000	$ 13,550,000	$ 189,100,000	1,120.85	$ 100,900,000	$ 12,050,000	$ 112,950,000
Feb.	$ 187,700,000	$ 15,200,000	$ 202,900,000	1,176.45	$ 135,700,000	$ 11,600,000	$ 147,300,000
Mar.	$ 188,650,000	$ 19,800,000	$ 208,450,000	1,195.65	$ 172,350,000	$ 16,900,000	$ 189,250,000
Apr.	$ 201,600,000	$ 51,500,000	$ 253,100,000	1,290.00	$ 145,000,000	$ 13,750,000	$ 158,750,000
May	$ 291,900,000	$ 27,650,000	$ 319,550,000	1,399.50	$ 194,400,000	$ 15,650,000	$ 210,050,000
June	$ 161,150,000	$ 30,600,000	$ 191,750,000	1,387.75	$ 182,200,000	$ 21,300,000	$ 203,500,000
July	$ 299,600,000	$ 13,800,000	$ 313,400,000	1,507.40	$ 182,000,000	$ 11,750,000	$ 193,750,000
Aug. (p)	$ 180,600,000	$ 20,450,000	$ 201,050,000	1,542.70	$ 154,300,000	$ 11,450,000	$ 165,750,000
8 Mos.	$1,686,750,000	$ 192,550,000	$1,879,300,000		$1,266,850,000	$ 114,450,000	$1,381,300,000

DATE	GROSS NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	CANCELLATIONS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1984						
Jan.	$ 183,900,000	$ 14,300,000	$ 198,200,000	$ 8,350,000	$ 750,000	$ 9,100,000
Feb.	$ 197,050,000	$ 16,900,000	$ 213,950,000	$ 9,350,000	$ 1,700,000	$ 11,050,000
Mar.	$ 196,700,000	$ 21,200,000	$ 217,900,000	$ 8,050,000	$ 1,400,000	$ 9,450,000
Apr.	$ 209,800,000	$ 52,050,000	$ 261,850,000	$ 8,200,000	$ 550,000	$ 8,750,000
May	$ 303,700,000	$ 27,850,000	$ 331,550,000	$ 11,800,000	$ 200,000	$ 12,000,000
June	$ 178,200,000	$ 32,450,000	$ 210,650,000	$ 17,050,000	$ 1,850,000	$ 18,900,000
July	$ 301,800,000	$ 14,200,000	$ 316,000,000	$ 2,200,000	$ 400,000	$ 2,600,000
Aug. (p)	$ 190,100,000	$ 20,750,000	$ 210,850,000	$ 9,500,000	$ 300,000	$ 9,800,000
8 Mos.	$1,761,250,000	$ 199,700,000	$1,960,950,000	$ 74,500,000	$ 7,150,000	$ 81,650,000

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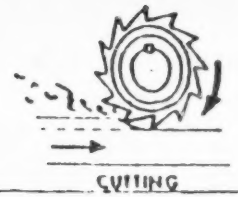

INDUSTRY ESTIMATE
METAL CUTTING TYPE MACHINE TOOLS
New Orders, Cancellations, Shipments and Backlog

DATE	NET NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	Order Backlog (In Mil. $)	SHIPMENTS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1984							
Jan.	$ 122,500,000	$ 10,700,000	$ 133,200,000	883.80	$ 65,350,000	$ 7,200,000	$ 72,550,000
Feb.	$ 121,700,000	$ 11,350,000	$ 133,050,000	913.80	$ 95,300,000	$ 7,750,000	$ 103,050,000
Mar.	$ 131,900,000	$ 14,600,000	$ 146,500,000	937.80	$ 112,350,000	$ 10,150,000	$ 122,500,000
Apr.	$ 135,700,000	$ 44,100,000	$ 179,800,000	1,016.10	$ 92,700,000	$ 8,800,000	$ 101,500,000
May	$ 167,500,000	$ 20,950,000	$ 188,450,000	1,054.55	$ 142,100,000	$ 7,900,000	$ 150,000,000
June	$ 107,550,000	$ 23,400,000	$ 130,950,000	1,035.20	$ 138,750,000	$ 11,550,000	$ 150,300,000
July	$ 126,050,000	$ 9,800,000	$ 135,850,000	1,037.80	$ 127,500,000	$ 5,750,000	$ 133,250,000
Aug. (p)	$ 118,550,000	$ 16,850,000	$ 135,400,000	1,054.55	$ 110,350,000	$ 8,300,000	$ 118,650,000
8 Mos.	$1,031,450,000	$ 151,750,000	$1,183,200,000		$ 884,400,000	$ 67,400,000	$ 951,800,000

DATE	GROSS NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	CANCELLATIONS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1984						
Jan.	$ 127,550,000	$ 10,750,000	$ 138,300,000	$ 5,050,000	$ 50,000	$ 5,100,000
Feb.	$ 130,600,000	$ 12,400,000	$ 143,000,000	$ 8,900,000	$ 1,050,000	$ 9,950,000
Mar.	$ 137,150,000	$ 15,950,000	$ 153,100,000	$ 5,250,000	$ 1,350,000	$ 6,600,000
Apr.	$ 141,800,000	$ 44,200,000	$ 186,000,000	$ 6,100,000	$ 100,000	$ 6,200,000
May	$ 171,250,000	$ 21,100,000	$ 192,350,000	$ 3,750,000	$ 150,000	$ 3,900,000
June	$ 123,050,000	$ 25,200,000	$ 148,250,000	$ 15,500,000	$ 1,800,000	$ 17,300,000
July	$ 127,350,000	$ 10,000,000	$ 137,350,000	$ 1,300,000	$ 200,000	$ 1,500,000
Aug. (p)	$ 124,700,000	$ 17,100,000	$ 141,800,000	$ 6,150,000	$ 250,000	$ 6,400,000
8 Mos.	$1,083,450,000	$ 156,700,000	$1,240,150,000	$ 52,000,000	$ 4,950,000	$ 56,950,000

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INDUSTRY ESTIMATE
METAL FORMING TYPE MACHINE TOOLS
New Orders, Cancellations, Shipments and Backlog

DATE	NET NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	Order Backlog (In Mil. $)	SHIPMENTS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1984							
Jan.	$ 53,050,000	$ 2,850,000	$ 55,900,000	237.05	$ 35,550,000	$ 4,850,000	$ 40,400,000
Feb.	$ 66,000,000	$ 3,850,000	$ 69,850,000	262.65	$ 40,400,000	$ 3,850,000	$ 44,250,000
Mar.	$ 56,750,000	$ 5,200,000	$ 61,950,000	257.85	$ 60,000,000	$ 6,750,000	$ 66,750,000
Apr.	$ 65,900,000	$ 7,400,000	$ 73,300,000	273.90	$ 52,300,000	$ 4,950,000	$ 57,250,000
May	$ 124,400,000	$ 6,700,000	$ 131,100,000	344.95	$ 52,300,000	$ 7,750,000	$ 60,050,000
June	$ 53,600,000	$ 7,200,000	$ 60,800,000	352.55	$ 43,450,000	$ 9,750,000	$ 53,200,000
July	$ 173,550,000	$ 4,000,000	$ 177,550,000	469.60	$ 54,500,000	$ 6,000,000	$ 60,500,000
Aug. (p)	$ 62,050,000	$ 3,600,000	$ 65,650,000	488.15	$ 43,950,000	$ 3,150,000	$ 47,100,000
8 Mos.	$ 655,300,000	$ 40,800,000	$ 696,100,000		$ 382,450,000	$ 47,050,000	$ 429,500,000

DATE	GROSS NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	CANCELLATIONS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1984						
Jan.	$ 56,350,000	$ 3,550,000	$ 59,900,000	$ 3,300,000	$ 700,000	$ 4,000,000
Feb.	$ 66,450,000	$ 4,500,000	$ 70,950,000	$ 450,000	$ 650,000	$ 1,100,000
Mar.	$ 59,550,000	$ 5,250,000	$ 64,800,000	$ 2,800,000	$ 50,000	$ 2,850,000
Apr.	$ 68,000,000	$ 7,850,000	$ 75,850,000	$ 2,100,000	$ 450,000	$ 2,550,000
May	$ 132,450,000	$ 6,750,000	$ 139,200,000	$ 8,050,000	$ 50,000	$ 8,100,000
June	$ 55,150,000	$ 7,250,000	$ 62,400,000	$ 1,550,000	$ 50,000	$ 1,600,000
July	$ 174,450,000	$ 4,200,000	$ 178,650,000	$ 900,000	$ 200,000	$ 1,100,000
Aug. (p)	$ 65,400,000	$ 3,650,000	$ 69,050,000	$ 3,350,000	$ 50,000	$ 3,400,000
8 Mos.	$ 677,800,000	$ 43,000,000	$ 720,800,000	$ 22,500,000	$ 2,200,000	$ 24,700,000

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